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A Wealthy St. Louis Syndicate Absorbs the West Granite, Hereafter the Elizabeth Mining Co.

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Who They Are and Why They Do It—A Mining Decision by Secretary Vilas—Other Mining News.

After four days of suspense the eagerly looked for West Granite meeting was held yesterday at the Commodore hotel, and the anticipation that something of great importance to its stockholders would happen has been fulfilled. It has been known for some time that the company was in dire financial straits and that if something was not done in the very near future the West Granite mines would be closed out at a price that would leave the stockholders with nothing but a round sum for working capital.

John J. Tansley and J. H. Dickman, of the firm of Tansley & Dickman, brokers for the Granite Mountain and Helena mines, arrived in Helena last night. These gentlemen had a proposition to make in behalf of a powerful syndicate composed of L. M. Ramsey, president of the Granite Mountain, Charles Clark, president of the Helena, and other prominent mining men of St. Louis, Mo.

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The directors feel that in taking this action for the stockholders of the West Granite, they are taking into consideration the interests of the old company, they feel that it is not only the most satisfactory arrangement for them but it is also the most satisfactory arrangement for the stockholders.

Probably no more important mining transaction has ever taken place in Montana and it is virtually a victory for Helena. A great commotion was created in the hotel lobbies, thoroughfare and business circles when the result of the meeting was announced. It was the one topic of conversation in all quarters and the question was often asked: "Why did the Helena people do this?"

It is understood that one-third of the West Granite capital stock is held in Montana. In the light of all this Elizabeth stock will be the most active in St. Louis for some time, and it becomes a source of congratulation to the directors of the old company and quietly consummated.

THE WITLATCH-UNION. It has not been generally known, but S. J. Jones, of this city, has taken a very prominent part in the Helena mining situation, reported yesterday. He is the agent of the National Mining and Exploring company in Helena, and he has been very active in the Helena mining situation.

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